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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DR. JOHN HILLEN, NEWLY APPOINTED WHEAT PROFESSOR IN LEADERSHIP

TigerNews: Who are you?

John Hillen: I'm Dr. John Hillen, and I am the new Wheat Professor in Leadership at the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest.

TN: Would you describe your background in leadership?

JH: I have a bit of an odd background. I've had three basic careers, maybe three and a half: first, I served as a soldier and an army officer for 12 years. I did that right after graduating from college and spent my active duty time in both Europe and Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Storm. For about seven years after that I was active in the Reserves in the special operations command and was all over the world with that. Then I had a career as a public policy scholar. I worked at think-tanks and wrote books on public policy—specifically on International Security affairs. That career culminated ultimately in my being an Assistant Secretary of State in the second half of the Bush administration while Condoleezza Rice was the Secretary of State. My third career was in business. While working in business I've been the CEO or president or COO of five or six different companies, each of which has been related to technology services. The half-career that I have had and that I am expressing in my capacity as the Wheat Professor at the Wilson Center is an academic career. I have taught at various institutions on and off, and prior to taking up the Wheat Professorship at Hampden-Sydney, I spent five years as a full-time faculty member in the business school at George Mason University where I taught leadership and strategy in the MBA program.

TN: What brought you to Hampden-Sydney?

JH: A couple of things. Number one is that I'm a Virginian and have lived here almost my whole life, except for when I was overseas or doing a short stint on Wall Street, so I knew of Hampden-Sydney, and I knew of its history of all of that. I'm a huge fan of the founding and the founding era. I'll try not to belabor the point here, but for a long time I didn't understand how radical and precious our little experiment in democracy in the US was until I spent time working, teaching, living, fighting, and travelling in eighty-four countries around the world. That kind of exercise in a lifetime of comparative politics made me realize that this constitution to which I've sworn the oath four times in my career is so unusual and so radical and represents such a precious and important experiment in human self-governance that it has to be understood in its full context at the time and then preserved by you and me in order to create a more perfect union. So it's really the tying together of Hampden-Sydney's history and my own approach to what is unique about America is what did it. In my classes I want people to understand the unique character of the institutions around them in this country and how they develop in many ways from the founding ideals and founding generations, which are represented in abundance at Hampden-Sydney, a Revolutionary Era college with which several founders were involved. I want them to be able to put all of that together.

TN: What will you be teaching at Hampden-Sydney?

JH: Well, as the British might say about the position, the name is on the tin. My official title is the James C. Wheat Visiting Professor in Leadership, so I'll be focusing on leadership, especially for the people doing interdisciplinary studies or taking a minor in leadership or related fields. Every semester I'll teach Interdisciplinary Studies 440, which is Leadership and Ethics, a class that for many years has been taught by a practitioner, someone who is out actively working in the business or government world and comes to campus once a week to teach that class. I will really focus on the applied nature of leadership. Many students will have had Leadership 101 as freshmen and are on this track within Interdisciplinary Studies, and when they become juniors or seniors they might take my class, which has a direct focus on practicality and putting leadership into effect now and in one's career. The second class I teach will be one of my design. I am a strategy professional and teacher, so I will be teaching a course on strategic leadership in American institutions. In that class, we'll talk about governmental institutions, business institutions, and non-profit institutions; why they do what they do, and how they look around their environment, consider their goals, and make strategic decisions. That course will be offered for the first time in the fall semester of 2021.

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Testing Our Patients: COVID-19 on Campus

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Hampden-Sydney College's illustrious history began before the United States was even founded, yet the college has yet to close for a single semester. Even in the face of COVID-19, a global pandemic, our college has not closed and even remains open with all students experiencing in-person classes.

On-campus classes are only made possible by keeping COVID-19 spreading down, and the college has instituted several means to do so. Mandatory face masks, social distancing, and even the dreaded ban on parties have all contributed to keeping COVID-19 cases down to a minimum.

Such rules were advised by both the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). What was not advised by either of those three letter organizations was mass testing of returning students, faculty, and staff (CDC).

As a side note, "asymptomatic" means "without symptoms", so it applies equally to all who lack symptoms, including both infected and uninfected. "Presymptomatic" means "before symptoms", so it applies specifically to those who are infected with a disease but have yet to display symptoms of it.

With regard to COVID-19, it is relatively common for people infected with the disease to spread it for roughly a week before symptoms present. This is why prevention with face masks and social distancing is so important, because any asymptomatic person could be healthy or presymptomatic, but without daily testing they will not know until symptoms present.

As many are already aware of, Longwood University has decided not to test asymptomatic individuals. They are testing and will continue to test all who have symptoms and who have come into contact with positive cases. Their numbers look great; as of this writing, Longwood only has four positive cases on campus.

Of course, that number does not include any presymptomatic people who have the virus, but therein lies the usefulness of face masks, social distancing, and all the rest. Limiting the spread of the virus without constant testing will preserve testing resources that would otherwise be quickly used up in mass testing.

Hampden-Sydney's administration has decided to take a different approach to on-campus testing, requiring all students be tested upon returning to campus. The reasons behind this testing may be varied, and in part that is due to the CDC's unclear guidelines.

On its website, the CDC specifically recommends that those colleges in areas with "moderate to substantial community transmission" actually do partake in testing of all asymptomatic people, if the resources are available (CDC).

Moderate transmission is defined as "sustained transmission. . . within communal settings and potential for rapid increase in cases" or having new COVID-19 cases continue to present, even after all known cases are in quarantine (CDC).

This recommendation to do mass asymptomatic testing is made despite the CDC's assertion that such testing has

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Hollemon Named Dean of Inclusive Excellence

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This semester, Hampden-Sydney welcomed Dean John Hollemon as the first Dean of the Office of Equity and Inclusion. Hollemon's official title is Dean of Inclusive Excellence.

Hollemon explained some of the history of the Office of Equity and inclusion, saying: "The office has been in existence since 2000, and to my knowledge this is the first time we have had a non alumnus in the position. Since 2000, we've had 4 other individuals in these positions, and during that time frame the position wasn't solely focused on equity and inclusion, it was always an additional hat that was ⅓ or ½ of the individual's job, so starting this year, this is going to be the sole focus of this position: equity and inclusion issues, supporting groups on campus, and working on the retention of marginalized populations," he added.

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"This is the first time in 20 years that we've had the sole focus of this position on tackling these issues to make HSC a better place as well as other areas that could have used more attention in recent years."

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Hollemon also mentioned that he remains in touch with the four other individuals who once were in charge of the Office of Equity and Inclusion. In addition to Hollemon, Nicole Alston serves as the Area Coordinator for the Office.

When asked what he would say to students who were skeptical about the need for the Office of Equity and Inclusion, Dean Hollemon had the following to say:

"For individuals skeptical about the office, they should first and foremost talk to their brothers, especially brothers who don't look like them. It's easy to talk to guys who you have classes with, who you're on a sports team with, but students should talk to someone they haven't talked to before that looks different or acts differently," he suggested.

"Talk about how you've experienced H-SC, and it's likely that their experience isn't exactly the same as yours. Students can also talk to our office directly, we can definitely walk you through the need for the

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Office and the history of the Office and why we're doubling down on our efforts now to make sure HSC is an equitable place that is inclusive for all students so that everyone who is here feels they are truly a part of the brotherhood, because everyone has a different experience, and not everyone always has a positive experience. Those who may not have a positive experience, our goal is to work with them and remove any of the obstacles or barriers or issues that they may be experiencing and connect them with individuals who are like minded, but also will be available to help them transition, if they are a freshman, to HSC, but our ultimate goal is for them to graduate from HSC and join the illustrious list of alumni who have gone on to do great things for the institution."

Hollemon also emphasized that the Office of Equity and Inclusion is truly about inclusion; everyone is welcomed and encouraged to reach out to the office with any questions or concerns they may have about issues on campus.

"This office is for everyone. HSC has a lot of potential, and I've really seen improvement in many areas each of the years I've been here. It's an exciting time for the Office and the College."

Exclusive, CONT'D

TN: How do you define leadership?

JH: Well, it's a lot of different things. It's a terrible thing to ask leadership professors what leadership is, because they often don't give a clean answer. There's so much to consider, but I try to make it as simple as possible so that it's usable. The great Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said something like, "I wouldn't give a fig to understand simplicity on this side of complexity, but I would give my life to understand simplicity on the other side of complexity." So sometimes you need to work through a lot of complex ideas to get to a simple answer. I think the essence of leadership is being able to articulate, communicate, and inspire people to follow a certain path, to move toward a certain destination as a team and to behave in certain ways consistent with the values and purpose of an institution.

TN: Would you elaborate on that definition?

JH: In talking about leadership, I prefer to use the word inspire as opposed to the word direct. On the very first night of my class I'll run an exercise and make a pretty big distinction between management, which is making sure that things run well, and leadership, which is inspiring people to work together to accomplish something. What does every organization in the world from IBM to a three-person volunteer church choir have in common? They are composed of people working together to accomplish something. Mastering that dynamic is leadership.

TN: What do you think is the biggest challenge that the next generation of leaders will face?

JH: The challenge for the next generation—and also the millennial generation—is what I'll call leading from the middle. This challenge is especially present on campus, where you guys are all students at the same College, you are all equals in some way, but for much of your early leadership life, you will need to learn from the middle and lead as a peer of your followers. That means mastering the art of persuasion in all its forms: having the idea, vetting the idea with others, articulating the idea, communicating it, understanding the value system of the people to whom you are trying to communicate the idea, and then rallying coalitions around the idea and energizing and organizing those coalitions. And all of that has to be done among peers. In my generation and earlier generations, sometimes you only needed one reason to follow orders: because the boss said so. But that style of leadership doesn't really work these days, not even in the military. I have spent a lot of time in the military. I know the military backwards and forwards, and I can tell you that even in the military, orders without explanation can only go so far. It's a far more enduring form of leadership to be able to persuade and mobilize people around a goal. When you are doing that with your peers like you guys have to do at the College, it's a lot harder. You have to be better at persuading, and you have to gear back on just issuing orders.

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TN: It sounds as though you have learned most of what you know about leadership first-hand. In your experience, have you learned more about leadership from failures or from successes?

JH: Oh, both. In my last book on my leadership I went out with my co-author and interviewed about fifty different leaders from all different kinds of organizations. I decided that I wanted to include both success case studies and failure case studies. It's sometimes hard to get highly accomplished leaders to talk about their failures, so I made myself the failure case study in the book. And now, as I read about myself in these case studies, I think I learned as much or more from the failures or the setbacks—let's call them setbacks—as I did from the roaring successes.

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TN: Do you have a favorite leader?

JH: In my class, I assign a lot of different texts (and movies) with leadership examples from sports, from entertainment, from history, from the world of commerce, from politics, and from the world of government. But for me the biggest and most influential leaders in my life have not been people I read about, but rather people I encountered. In my classes, I try to get students to glean the great leadership lessons in life from the leaders right around them—that they can see and touch—rather than sitting around with a stack of biographies of so-called great men and women. For me, my father was probably my first and best teacher in leadership. He was a retired Green Beret and is the namesake of the seminar room on the bottom floor of the Wilson Center. After that I had a fantastic mentor, an entrepreneur, a public policy official throughout his career, a CEO, a big magazine and newspaper conglomerate owner named Phillip Merrill. His name is on the Merrill School of Journalism at the University of Maryland. He was one of these larger-than-life leadership figures who led many different lives, and he had a profound impact on me. He was always going down the hallway and dropping a bon mot every three feet, and you had to do everything you could to catch them all. I'm often asked to analyze or assess great leaders, but I would advise people not to look to the great political figures or the NBA coach who won nine championships, or things like that, but rather to look around and find the leadership traits they admire in their coach, or their professor, their parent, or their boss at their summer job.

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TN: If you could offer one insight about leadership to the students at Hampden-Sydney, what would it be?

JH: Almost every successful career—no matter the field—has a network behind it. Most of the successful people we talk about have framed, throughout the course of their lives, a strategic network, and they are constantly reaching out and using that network.

TN: Would you elaborate on what you mean by a network?

JH: A network is a series of relationships that are non-transactional, it's the kind of relationship where you're just in each other's networks. And one of the things we'll spend an entire session on in my course is how to build a leadership network.

TN: What book or document on leadership would you recommend to students at Hampden-Sydney?

JH: The answer to your question really depends on what elements of leadership you're after. If a person says, "My particular leadership challenge is that I just got voted president of this club, and I've got a bunch of really smart people with big egos on my leadership team and I have to meld them into a team and not just a group of All-Stars," then I say here's some great stuff about building and leading teams, and I would give him that literature and start that conversation. If someone who is graduating soon is concerned about the future of his club or organization then I would give him material and have a conversation with him about how to develop other leaders. There are many different elements of leadership studies, and it's important to find out what aspect you're interested in. Too much of surface leadership studies is just bumper stickers, you know, quotes from great leaders in history, but an important part of understanding leadership is understanding what element you are going to focus on.

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The Hampden-Sydney Tiger Staff, circa 1978. Courtesy: the Kaleidoscope

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NEWS

Going Once, Going Twice: Historic Manor House Up for Auction

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Golf has historically played a large role in Hampden-Sydney culture. Our college's varsity golf team only represents a fraction of the H-SC students who enjoy playing the sport.

Many students are familiar with The Manor, our local golf course. It is the nicest golf course in Prince Edward County, and every H-SC student passes by the Manor's entrance when driving to Farmville's finest drive-thru restaurants.

Located on part of the historic Poplar Hill farm, the Manor golf course opened in 2007 and makes for an interesting case study. For much of Hampden-Sydney's existence, the property was actually a 1000-plus acre estate.

The house was constructed and owned by Walter Grey Dunnington. A former trustee of the college, Mr. Dunnington founded Farmville's own Dunnington Tobacco Company in 1870. After amassing his fortune selling Farmville tobacco in Italy, Mr. Dunnington began transitioning into retirement. He acquired the Poplar Hill farm in the mid 1890s.

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In 1897, Dunnington had the original farm house transformed into what we now know as the Manor House. At approximately 8,600 square feet, the Manor House looks over the golfers who drive down the winding road towards the clubhouse parking lot. Due to a lack of care in recent years, the exterior is overgrown with vines, and the interior is in complete shambles due to water damage. The Manor House and its surrounding property have seen several owners over the past few decades. In the 2000s, a developer called The Herberton Group proposed a master plan to develop the Poplar Hill farm into a large resort community. Fittingly called "The Manor Resort and Spa," the developers convinced a large group of investors from the Farmville area to make financial contributions towards the project. Many Farmville residents, including successful local farmers, H-SC professors and Longwood professors watched their investments plummet in value during the 2008 housing crisis. The entire resort community plan fell apart due to the recession, as people slowly figured out that The Herberton Group was not very honest.

" the land on the Poplar Hill farm that is not occupied by a golf course is commonly believed to be worth more than what local land appraisers have quoted. "

Hampden-Sydney and Longwood University acquired a ten-year lease on the golf course in 2018, while a real estate broker called Woltz & Associates listed the manor house and the eleven surrounding tracts of land for auction earlier in 2020. The land is already zoned and cleared for residential and commercial development. The remainder of the land that is not a golf course or being sold by Woltz is actually owned by Hampden-Sydney College, which acquired the land for 3 million dollars in 2010. The College was the owner of this property before 2010, but they

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Farmville Pride Announces Grant

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On Wednesday, August 26 Farmville Pride announced to the Hampden-Sydney that it is offering a $250 scholarship to any members of the LGBTQ+ community here at the College. In an interview, Unity Alliance President, Joey Kelly offered more information.

The scholarship is a simple and easy way to better support the marginalized communities in the Farmville area. In doing so, Farmville Pride states that any local LGBTQ+, black, or indigenous person currently living and attending school in the area are welcome to apply.

Additionally, one member of the Hampden-Sydney community, one of the Longwood community, and one to a BIPOC LGBTQ+ student from any school will receive the scholarship. Applicants can apply for the scholarship by going to the Farmville Pride Facebook page and filling out the information according to one of their more recent posts.

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" This scholarship indicates that . . . people do care about the members of the LGBTQ+ community. "

This scholarship indicates that members of the LGBTQ+ community are starting to have more representation within the area and that more people do care about the members of the LGBTQ+ community. Kelly mentioned that while money is not the driving force, when there are opportunities such as this, underrepresented students feel that they are being better represented in their communities. Lastly, Joey wanted to say that the Unity Alliance here at Hampden-Sydney is not only for members that are LGBTQ+, but for straight allies as well. It is allies that helps members of LGBTQ+ community feel more at home within our gates and I encourage you all to consider being an active ally

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Thurs, 27	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Sun, 30		H-SC Living, Learning, Team Building	

SEPTEMBER

Tues, 1	3–5pm	Climbing Wall, High Traverse	Challenge Course
Thurs, 3	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Sat, 5		Kayak Camping	The James River
Tues, 8	3–5pm	Paddle Lake Briery Creek	Brown Student Center Lobby
Thurs, 10	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Tues, 15	3–5pm	Zip Line,	Challenge Course
Thurs, 17	3– 6pm	Paddle the Appomattox Blue Way	Brown Student Center
Tues, 22	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Thurs, 24	3–5pm	Climbing Wall, High Traverse	Challenge Course
Tues, 29	3–5pm	Paddle Lake Briery Creek	Brown Student Center Lobby

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Thurs, 1	3–5pm	Climbing Wall, High Traverse	Callenge Course
Tues, 6	3–5pm	Paddle Lake Briery Creek	Brown Student Center Lobby
Thurs, 8	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Sat, 10–Sun, 11		Kayak Camp Lake Briery	Brown Student Center
Tues, 13		Zip Line	
Thurs, 15	2–5pm	Paddle the Appomattox Blue Way	Brown Student Center
Tues, 20	3–6pm	Climbing Wall, High Traverse End of year cookout	Challenge Course
Thurs, 22	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Sat, 24		Faculty, Staff Day Pavilion Cookout	Challenge Course
Tues, 27	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Thurs, 29		Paddle the Appomattox Blue Way	
Sat, 31	7–9pm	Hike the Haunted Wilson Trail	

NOVEMBER

Tues, 3	3–5pm	Climbing Wall, High Traverse	Challenge Course
Thurs, 5	4–5:30pm	Hike the Wilson Trail	
Sat, 7	1–3pm	Paddle the Appomattox Blue Way	
Tues, 10	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Thurs, 12	3–5pm	Paddle Lake Briery Creek	Brown Student Center Lobby
Sat, 14	9–12pm 1pm–3pm	Climbing Wall, High Traverse, Zip Line Barbecue	Challenge Course
Tues, 17	4–5:30pm	Hike the Wilson Trail	
Thurs, 19	4–5:30pm	Disc Golf	Kirby Field House
Sat, 21		Paddle the Appomattox Blue Way	

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not been proven to be effective and therefore should not be practiced.

The tests Hampden-Sydney has given its students have also not been administered correctly. For those who are unfamilliar with the testing procedure, the test given is a self-administered oropharyngeal swab, or a throat swab. The instructions were not clear, as students were told to reach back with the swab until they felt their gag reflex, a mechanism which differs from person to person, kick in.

There are no mirrors, practices, or second tries. The people who gave students their test kits were not campus nurses either, but regular administration faculty who were recruited to explain how to take the test.

One student I interviewed told me that he got to the testing area early on his assigned day. Instead of being told how to take the test, however, he had to explain to the confused assistants how students were supposed to take the test. In an effort to understand how widespread such tests like the ones administered at Hampden-Sydney are, I interviewed Physician Assistant Christina Broomell, from Lancaster General Hospital. She explained to me that swabs done by students are likely to be ineffective because of students' lack of experience with the test and a general unwillingness among most people to be as vigorous as needed for such a test in such a sensitive place.

When she has had to administer influenza and strep throat tests, she has never given the test kit to the patient and asked the patient to administer the test, not-matter how infectious the potential disease.

In addition, she pointed me in the direction of the CDC's website, which advises that all COVID-19 tests should be administered by a health care professional. The sole exception to this is the nasal swab, which Hampden-Sydney is not using.

COVID-19 tests are also proving to be ineffective compared to measuring disease presence by symptoms alone. The CDC's website states in bold: "accumulating evidence supports ending isolation and precautions for persons with COVID-19 using a symptom-based strategy." People who have recovered from COVID-19 may continue to test positive for up to three months after their initial diagnosis with the disease, so the CDC now recommends that individuals quarantine based on their symptoms.

When symptoms cease, so should quarantine. When combined with the CDC's advice not to test asymptomatic individuals, the only people who should be tested for COVID-19 are symptom presenting people who have yet to be tested. Before symptoms, testing is recommended against as social distancing and face masks should prevent the spread of COVID-19 from that infected individual until symptoms present. After symptoms and an initial positive test, another test need not be administered as there is a high likelihood of a false positive within the first three months. In sum, the CDC has said that mass testing has not been proven to be effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Instead, they recommend face masks and social distancing be focused on as the primary way to keep COVID-19 cases down, with testing reserved for people who present with symptoms.

OPINION

The Sobering Truth: Tiger Dollars for Dollar Beers

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"Whenever the devil harasses you, seek the company of men or drink more, or joke and talk nonsense, or do some other merry thing!" - Martin Luther. Luther's character and reputation aside (that discussion could take up an entire newspaper), his words hit close to home for many of us right now. For many, like myself, the return to Hampden-Sydney's campus has been a welcome respite from ruined summer plans, joblessness, or even from familial tension. Some of us have even experienced the horrors that COVID-19 can wreak firsthand. I myself knew somebody who caught the virus and had to go on breathing therapy for weeks.

The devil certainly has been harassing us ever since we got the email last semester telling us not to return to campus. Back then, we still had the hope that our fall semester would continue as planned and that everything would be back to normal within a month or so. Instead, almost 200,000 U.S. citizens have died from coronavirus, and about 2,600 of those citizens were residents of Virginia. At this point, you are certainly asking yourself: what does this have anything to do with dollar beers at the Tiger Inn?

Luther touches on something significant when he states that we ought to "seek the company of men or drink more" in times of trouble. Sharing a drink in the company of friends is a tradition that predates the earliest of writings.

The simple act of buying a beer for a friend and relaxing together after a long day is an excellent way to build brotherhood and camaraderie. What better place to do that than at Hampden-Sydney's very own Tiger Inn?

This advice from Luther is especially helpful during our global pandemic. Encouraging students to purchase beer from the Tiger Inn by allowing them to use their Tiger Dollars to do so would give them good reason to not go into town to purchase beer, which would increase the likelihood that the virus spreads to campus. Moreover, the Tiger Inn has ample room available for social distancing, especially with all the outdoor seating.

By allowing the Tiger Inn to accept Tiger Dollars for beer, the school would be able to better monitor the students and their social distancing. Rather than cramming into tiny dorm rooms to share a few beers, students could relax and grab a drink together at our spacious Tiger Inn instead. I urge anyone in the administration who reads this article to deeply consider the positive implications of encouraging students to engage in the age-old tradition of drinking beers together.

Even Thomas Jefferson states that "beer, if drunk in moderation, softens the temper, cheers the spirit and promotes health." Obviously I, like Jefferson, do not condone drinking in excess, but this minor change to the operation of the Tiger Inn could have such a positive impact on campus, and it would be a welcome delight for those of us who are feeling down on account of the pandemic.

Billing Without Informing

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"It's better to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission." The Office of Student Affairs in line with the Business Office seems to have taken this saying to heart as it has decided to wait until the last minute to notify students of an additional charge.

It was only on July 30th that we received an email from the Dean of Students informing us that the students living in the new dorms (The Grove) would be charged an additional $500 dollars per semester for the year.

I had only found out about this charge from the whispers of a rumor circulating. When I tried to find out whether this rumor was true or not my disappointment grew with every response.

I had first asked my fellow Resident Advisors (RAs) if they knew anything about it to which not a single RA did. Then one of the Head RAs asked the Former Dean of Housing and Residence life whether or not it was true to which he replied that he knew nothing of this charge and that I would have to ask the Business Office.

" To say the least, I am frustrated and from all of the students that I have talked with I can comfortably say that I am not the only one. "

I then called the Business Office and they informed me that the charge was indeed real, that it was approved by the Board of Trustees, and that the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) was supposed to disclose this additional charge to the student body.

When I asked for the rationale behind the charge they were unable to tell me. When I approached staff from OSA they were unable to inform me of the rationale behind the decision as well as saying that it was actually the Business Office's responsibility to have informed the student body.

It was only after I went through this process that the Dean of Students sent out an email a couple of days later informing us of the charge that has been levied against us.

To say the least, I am frustrated and from all of the students that I have talked with I can comfortably say that I am not the only one. The student body is as well.

We are frustrated that we were not told directly from some member of our school's staff before signing up for the new dorms that we will be charged an additional $1000.

We are frustrated that the school thought an update on the schools website would suffice for an update in our knowledge, as we would not know to look for a fine that we didn't knew existed.

We are frustrated than when asked, the Dean of Housing and Resident's Life could not inform us of a charge that was directly tied to Housing and Residence life.

However, we are more frustrated that when asked we could not get any rationale for the decision and have yet to receive one to date. These are all frustrations that could have largely been erased, or at least mitigated, if the school had just been open about the decisions that they were making that would directly affect the students.

For many of us this charge will not be an issue. It will be merely a slight inconvenience. However, for many others it will be yet another financial burden that has been placed upon them during a time where many financial hardships have been presented. This trying time is not an opening for the school to make decisions without the student body's knowing.

We have all been negatively affected by this pandemic and we at least need to know what decisions the school is making so we can make the best decisions for ourselves and our families.

We have been told since we have first stepped foot on this campus that we are to

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Cold War: Round Two

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The United States and China have the two largest economies in the world with the United States having a gross domestic product worth twenty-trillion dollars followed by China with a thirteen-trillion-dollar gross domestic product.

While the United States has maintained a strong GDP since the late 1980's, China has increased its GDP exponentially since 2006, overcoming Japan as the world's second largest economy.

While the two countries have never had an armed conflict with one another, U.S. and Chinese relations have become more intense since the turn of the twenty-first century and has become even more tense during the pandemic. I believe that a future cold war between the United States and the Chinese could be a very real possibility.

Why China and the United States could become involved in a future cold war is because of their history and recent events. History has shown us that when great powers with great economic and militaristic capabilities are put at odds with one another, it only takes one spark to light the powder keg, as seen with the European powers before the start of World War 1.

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While the United States and China will not want to attack each other directly, because of threat of mutual annihilation, they will engage each other economically and through proxy wars. Also, looking at the previous Cold War, between Russia and the United States, you can see that the war was created due to a conflict, or fear, of the other nation's way of life. The Soviet Union was not only the United States' main competitor but also had an opposite government and way of life compared to the United States

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Today, tensions have risen between the United States for a multitude of reasons. Starting with the Chinese Communist Party, the leading political party in China, gave false reports during the beginning of the pandemic. This is important because it did not help western countries, including the United States, properly prepare and understand the virus. This has cause President Trump and other members of government to criticize the Chinese government, creating a distrust between the west and China.

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Since China has developed its economy, they have also begun to expand their military power. In the South China Sea, the Chinese military has begun to expand its military might, with the creation of artificial islands that will be used as military installations, potentially cutting off trade routes and grabbing territories that have disputed ownership, but fundamentally pursuing resources.

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The Chinese were not only maintaining a militaristic advance in the South China Sea but were also waging a Trade War with the United States, which has caused a disrupted economic growth in China and the United States. This could possibly lead to the two breaking economic ties.

Last year, a wave of democratic protestors arose in Hong Kong, which the CCP initially did not crackdown on in order to maintain good ties with the United States. However, since the United States and China have been locked in a trade war, the Chinese were less interested to maintain good relations with the United States and therefore began to crack down on the Hong Kong protestors. This has only in turn created a worse relationship between the two countries.

Finally, there is the fact that China has been using the United States to advance itself technologically through spying. Normally, they would do this through sending Chinese students to the United States where they would go to American Universities and learn how to build technologies they did not have back home. However, Chinese nationalists have created companies like Wuwei and Tik Tok that have been used to gather much more information about the United States and give it back to the CCP.

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The two nations are not at a breaking point yet, but a wedge is being placed between them, and the divide becomes clearer as time passes. These two superpowers may come to odds with one another because the strength of two nations is quite unfathomable, and therefore they are involved in almost every part of the world.

Countries with so much power and influence can easily step on one another's toes, as has already been the case, and the wedge between the two countries will only become more visible.

In the movie Captain America: Civil War there is a quote that reads "Our very strength incites challenge. Challenge incites conflict. And conflict breeds catastrophe". This simple quote describes exactly what I'm talking about, that the current events and rising tensions create a powder keg, but the power of our states is what will be the match that will ignite the keg.

SPORTS

MLB Trade Deadline: Padres Win Big

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For as weird as a season this has been, no one would have expected to see this much action before the trade deadline.

With a new playoff structure that includes more teams, it only makes sense that more teams that were on the fence between contending or rebuilding added a player or two to try to get into the postseason, but it's a shortened season, and so many things have been weird, so there wasn't much to be expected as far as trades or news would be concerned when deadline day came. Now that it has come and gone, with major deals having been done, one team that stands out is the Padres.

We've been hearing about the Padres' farm system for years now. For the last two to three years, their farm system has been ranked in the top 3 amongst all teams with major superstar talent and depth throughout all levels in their minor league system. We've all heard about how good Fernando Tatis Jr. could be, and he's been amazing. He got a lot of grief for swinging at a 3-0 fastball, a fastball that he slammed into right field for a grand slam, but it wasn't just him.

We're still going to hear about Mackenzie Gore, the top left-handing pitching prospect in the game, and Chris Paddack has been the real deal since his big-league debut last season. Dinelson Lamet has really come into his own this year, pitching like a bonafide ace of the staff.

As far as the veterans are concerned, the trio of Manny Machado, Eric Hosmer, and Wil Myers have been playing the best baseball they have played in several seasons. The three of them are making up for their poor play in the last few years, especially Machado and Hosmer who looked like a couple of free agency busts. Zach Davies was a great pickup going into this season, and he's doing a great job in the rotation to give the Padres a solid duo in Lamet and Davies.

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The Padres have been one of the saddest teams in baseball the last few seasons. After years of irrelevance, they are showing the baseball world that they want to play this year. So, they doubled down and have acquired 7 players before the deadline hit.

The biggest acquisition for the Padres is former Cleveland Indian, Mike Clevinger. The right hander has some of the most electric stuff in baseball. He has been one of the top 10 pitchers in the game for the past 2 years. He has had an earned run average less than 3.2 each of the last four season, his strikeouts per 9 have averaged 10 since his debut in 2016, and his ERA+, which measures each pitchers ERA and adjusts it for ballpark factors to even the playing field where 100 is average, and anything more is above, has been north of 146 each of the last 4 season, including his 2019 season which saw his ERA + rise to 176, meaning he was 76 percent better than the average starting pitcher in baseball. Clevinger is going to San Diego with outfielder Greg Allen, who has really been nothing more than a fourth outfielder for Cleveland. The Padres are sending outfielder Josh Naylor, right handed reliever Cal Quantril, catcher Austin Hedges, and top prospects Gabriel Arias, Joey Cantillo, and Owen Miller. Each of the prospects that Cleveland is getting in this deal was ranked within the top 11 of the Padres' top prospects.

The Padres are showing they are in a win-now mode evidenced by this trade and their other notable acquisitions like Mitch Moreland who is having a great season, and he expects to DH for the Padres, coming over from Boston.

On the other hand, the Indians are in the middle of a playoff race, and they traded the ace of their staff. Clevinger has been talked about a lot this season, and it hasn't been for his performance on the mound. He and former teammate Zac Plesac went out to dinner with friends a few weeks ago, breaking the isolation rules and regulations that have been put in place this season by Major League Baseball to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Clevinger and Plesac were put into isolation, and they were unable to play for two weeks.

While the Indians have every right

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Let the Voices Be Heard

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In 1961 NBA basketball player Bill Russel led a NBA boycott during a time where there were extreme racial tensions in America. His other black teammates participated as well, however the game still went on with only white players.

Bill Russell now found himself congratulating NBA players on Tuesday, August 26th for doing the same thing or as Russel put it "good trouble". After the recent killing of Jacob Blake who was shot seven times in the back by an officer, NBA, WNBA, and MLB players spoke up. What was expected to be a night full of sports turned into a night of awakening.

It is safe to say that 2020 has not been the greatest year on record especially when it comes to the racial issues that still still plague our country. Due to the discourse bringing forth riots through outside agitators and misled anger it would seem that a peaceful protest done by powerful members of our society would be welcome. But yet again we saw the usual slogan "Shut up and dribble". Thankfully these players decided to do the opposite.

Putting it into perspective, black athletes might see that if they had not been gifted with the amazing talent they have, they could have been one of these most recent victims. Even NBA TNT host Kenny Smith stood in solidarity with NBA players and walked off set. No matter the race or gender of these players they stuck together and halted the sports world and forced a much needed conversation about police brutality and racism in America.

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One thing had to be made clear: resisting arrest does not warrent capital punishment.

Officers receive training on how to subdue subjects without killing them. Now this statement is obviously not a free cause to resist arrest. It is in the best interest of the citizen to comply, however, due to the officer being in higher authority it is on their shoulders to adhere to their training adequately and this has not been the case for generations.

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These practices and abuses of power by the police have plaugued the black community since slavery. And even with times getting better the black community will not stop until there is a change that will flip the system on its head so that not just black people but all people feel safe around police. These reasons are why the boycott took place on Tuesday.

On Thursday NBA players had a meeting on how to proceed with the playoffs. According to multiple sources the Lakers and Clippers voted to postpone the playoffs in an informal poll. Some players showed frustration on how the Bucks handled their boycott as well. In the end, players decided to continue the season. This solution came with owners agreeing with the players to make their stadiums open polling places and hiring more poll workers.

This came after senior advisor Jared Kushner stated that he was glad that NBA players are doing fine talking but would rather have concrete action. This seems like an ignorant statement being said to players that continuously donate to pro black organizations, that combat gang violence, have basketball camps for underprivileged kids, and literally build schools for the communities they grew up in.

NBA players have offered and continue to offer and bring concrete solutions when it comes to racial injustice.

Another opposing point brought forth on Tuesday was that these rich athletes wouldn't know what it is like to struggle or have never faced discrimination while ignoring the fact that over 70% of the NBA is black and each player has faced some form of discrimination.

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No matter how much money, power, or fame a black person may have, they will face discrimination due to their skin color. As powerful and influential citizens they saw a need to stand up for victims of police brutality. People like Tamir Rice, Philando Castile, Daniel Shaver, Tony Timpa, Breonna Taylor, Ryan Whitaker, and so many other names we know and do not know. People of all

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Satire:

Drink for Thought: How to Keep GPAs Up During COVID-19

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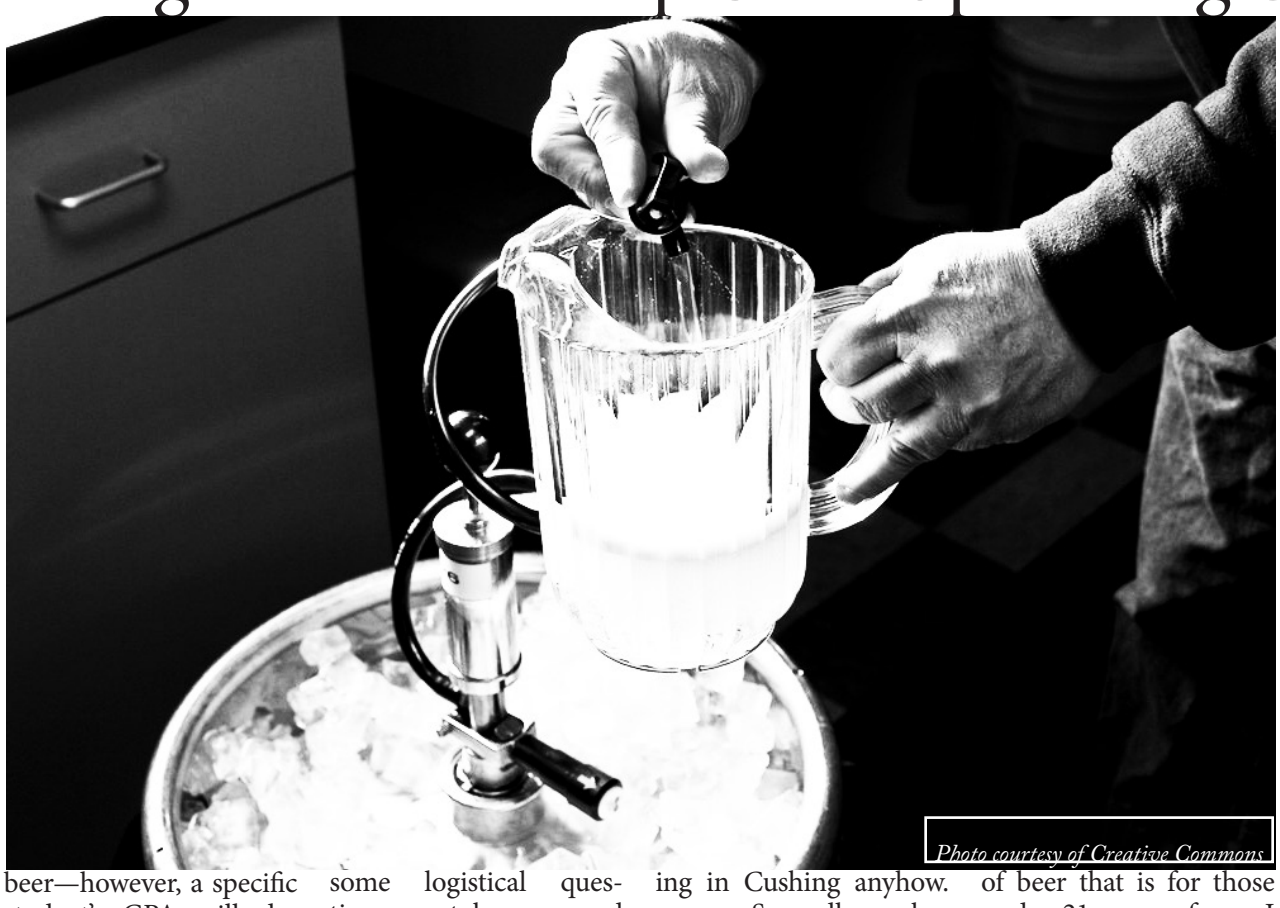

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As we begin the 2020-2021 school year, one can understand that this semester's average GPAs could be below average. The fear of an outbreak erupting on campus causes stress within the student body and faculty alike.

The semester has been split in half, with the illusion of an easy 10-week semester and the undeniable marathon the 4-week semester will come to be. Some are already sick or have known others that have been—there are no doubts that the atmosphere at Hampden-Sydney this semester is a heavy one. However, there is a solution that will not only raise GPAs but student body spirit as well: Kegs of delicious beer at Pannill Commons.

Before scoffing at such an implementation, consider the following: GPA based beer privileges. Students will be allowed an unlimited supply of keg-beer—however, a specific student's GPA will determine which beer will be available to them. For instance, a student with a 3.5 or above has access to the keg of Miller Light (or PBR). While a student with let us say, a 2.0, might only have access to the keg of Milwaukee's Best.

Now, of course, some logistical questions must be answered from raising this suggestion. First, how can we restrict those under 21 from using the kegs? Well, it's simple: we don't. Freshman under 21 are allowed limited access to the premier Busch Light keg because let's be real, that's what they're drinking in Cushing anyhow.

Secondly, because of the Honor Code, I have complete faith that the student body would only drink from the keg that each student is permitted to use. However, if a student does use a keg that isn't permitted, that student will have to drink from the keg of beer that is for those under 21 years of age. I should mention, for added punishment, this keg will never be cooled and always way too foamy.

Lastly, where would the kegs go in Pannill Commons? I have always believed the sandwich and salad bar is a waste of space for such a large room—therefore, turn that area into a dedicated taproom.

A student can grab a delicious meal and take it into the taproom and get a beer while he eats. And if you are in a rush to get to class, don't fear! Simply grab a to-go cup from the line and fill it with your favorite beer.

With this plan, after a long day of classes and studying, a trip to Pannill Commons will be much more satisfying. Students will once again be excited about the voyage to get food as a cold beer will be in the future. Not only that but because of the GPA based beer incentives, GPAs would rise on average to get the best beer that Pannill Commons has to offer. For special occasions like Greek Week or Finals Week, the taproom would be open from breakfast until the end of dinner! Be ready to raise Hampden-Sydney's spirit and GPA with a Pannill-served brew!

Billing, CONT'D

act as gentlemen at all times and in all places, but it appears as if that standard does not hold when it comes to informing people of additional charges that will be levied against them. I would like to think that due the Covid-19 pandemic that the Office of Student Affairs, the Business Office, and the Board of Trustees merely overlooked the disclosure of this information and that it was unintentional. However, I hope that in the future that the school does its best to be as forthright as possible with policies and changes that directly affect the student body as that is a gentlemanly thing to do. A lot of us have come to love this college and call it our home. I truly hope that from here on out the school no longer seeks for forgiveness, but strives to be open through asking for permission.

Padres, CONT'D

to be mad at Clevinger and Plesac for being idiots, the Indians are being stupider to get rid of one of their best players in the midst of trying to win a division title.

If the Indians were shipping Clevinger away to get serious outfield help, like acquiring Michael Conforto from the New York Mets, then maybe this deal makes a little more sense. The Indians have more pitching than they know what to do with, but this seems like a ploy to teach someone a lesson who should have not gone out to dinner, putting his teammates at risk.

While it's important to isolate and be responsible to keep everyone safe, the Indians are risking the rest of their season to get rid of someone who made one mistake. It's shortsighted, and the Padres are going to benefit from this lopsided deal.

Going, CONT'D

promised it to Herberton Poplar Hill Residential LLLP in 2007.

In spite of this deal, Hampden-Sydney was still in possession between the College and Herberton in the 2010 property re-acquisition. Regardless of the Manor Resort project's demise, the land on the Poplar Hill farm that is not occupied by a golf course is commonly believed to be worth more than what local land appraisers have quoted. The vision of building a full resort community around the golf course may have disappeared, but the possibility of building a Manor residential community could become reality in the distant future.

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Let the Voices, CONT'D

races that have been on the receiving end of a corrupted system regardless of their compliance.

Despite the opposition, NBA, MLB, and WNBA players are standing strong and forcing the elites to cause real change instead of the social pandering we see each time the BLM movement goes viral. 400 years of oppesssion has led us to this point right now. In today's time Black Americans have more of a voice than ever. And despite the assasination of our past leaders we still stand strong as Americans. Regardless of the fact that outside agitators and fear mongers stand in the way of change we continue to fight. These athletes stood up for a common cause putting their money, season, and reputations in jeopardy. This is the kind of leadership and sacrifice that is needed to make sure change really does happen. It is a shame that things done in 1961 still need to be done today, but it is a beautiful thing to behold when several groups of people have a common cause to make America great. As we all continue through our day, week, month, and year I ask that we look inside ourselves and really ponder on what we are doing to make America great? It's important to stay informed and to be kind. Most miscommunication in these circumstances comes from the fact that one side is misinformed or ignorant of the other. Be open minded and accept new information. Americans are much stronger together than we are apart and the NBA and other sports platforms have shown that to be so. Together we can make a difference and start a journey to true equality.

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Christians' Corner

Questions for Christians, Answered by a Christian

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It is a noble goal to pursue truth in every interaction. If one is not pursuing truth, then what is the point of conversing? But in pursuing this noble goal, one must also learn to listen intently.

Correction is best given in the spirit of fraternity, for if given in hatred the corrected may hold to a falsehood and reject all that is good in the corrector.

People today do not listen to understand. People listen to point out wrong in another person. Ask yourself this question I implore you, if you are right about everything discussed, then why even bother talking to anyone else. You need to sit down and start writing books if that is the case. Assuming that most people are the same and do not know everything there is to know, then being charitable can make your life so much easier.

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C.S Lewis in this classic "Mere Christianity" instructed that the way to grow in virtue was to simply act as if a person already had the virtue. An example could be getting into shape. The way to do that s to start working out. So too with other virtues, the way to grow in charity is to start being charitable.

Really listen to what a person is saying and let them finish their thought. How many times I think that I have that "gotcha moment" when I get embarrassed because their thought was not yet complete. Oh, wonderful charity! How I could have been saved if I simply learned to be silent and listen.

Speaking is an important part of an argument; it's how an idea spreads, but so too is listening. If no one listen to the argument, then it is just empty space. A vain chase after the wind.

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I listen to a podcast called "Pints with Aquinas," and in it the show host frequently says that we should "steelman" an argument, meaning that we should prop up the argument in the best possible way in order to have a full understanding of it. Thus, one can avoid the classic strawman fallacy that is committed so frequently in any given national dialogue. This will not only improve charity, but improve empathy as well.

A final note. I encourage everyone to actively seek out idea's contrary to yours. You read that right, go to CNN or FOX, or have a dialogue with your conservative friend about anything you like really. I find that most people are willing to have these conversations, as long as you are willing to understand them. There is a lot of demonization going on now in the country. We have forgotten that these same people we seem to hate breath the same air we breathe, bleed red blood, have hopes and dreams; they too want to improve the lot of themselves and the lot of those around them.

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So gird up thy loins and listen! Go forward with love and pursue the ultimate truth which stems forth from Him who was, is, and ever shall be.

Of course, this is just my humble interpretation. There are over a billion Christians, each with their own views. I am always open to discussion and criticism.

Please email me more questions at whitfieldI21@hsc.edu, and I will endeavor to answer them as best as I can. *Non nobis Domine.*